

INDIANA EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION (IERC) MEETING  
Indiana Government Center South  
302 W. Washington Street  
Conference Room A  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 13, 2013 1:00 P.M.

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Chairman Mike Garvey of the IERC welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for a roll call.

**ROLL CALL TO ORDER**

Mike Garvey – IDHS  
Sherman Greer – Local Government  
Carlos Pettiford – State Police  
Brian Lott – Local Government

Bruce Palin – IDEM  
James Greeson – State Fire Marshall  
James Pridgen – Industry representative

**The following Commission members were absent:**

Carol Shelby – Public Representative  
Dean Larson – Public Representative

Shawn French – Industry Representative

**The following staff members were present:**

John Steel – IDHS  
Laura Steadham – IDEM  
Gerri Husband – IDHS

Mara Snyder - IDHS  
Ian Ewusi – IDHS/IDEM

**The following members of the audience were present:**

Jim Plum, Jefferson County LEPC  
Bill Beranek, Marion County LEPC

Jeff Larmore, Marion County LEPC

**QUORUM**

LEPC Coordinator indicated a quorum was present

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES**

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes from the March 11, 2013, meeting was made by Mr. Pridgen and seconded by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chairman Garvey opened with a potential discussion panel topic for the 2013 IERC/LEPC conference on the recent ammonium nitrate explosion in Texas that killed 12 responders.

Mr. Garvey added that a request has been made to the Governor's office to fill several vacancies on the IERC. He concluded with his appreciation of commission members who participated in the recent offsite meeting.

Mara Snyder provided an update on recent legislation that was passed requiring LEPC chairs to provide information on who has completed ethics training for the LEPC.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Communications Committee—Sherman Greer, Chair**

Mr. Greer provided an update on the progress of the agenda for the August 23, 2013 IERC/LEPC Conference that will be at the Sheraton Keystone at the Crossing in Indianapolis.

Topics were discussed included;

- A panel session on the West, Texas explosion,
- CAMEO Training
- USDOT Presentation
- LEPC 101
- Chemical spill in Louisville, KY
- Opening comments

Budget to the State Fire Chiefs Association of \$5,000 to support the IERC/LEPC Participation

### **Policy/Technical Committee—James Pridgen/Dean Larson, Co-Chairs**

Mr. Pridgen provided an update of the recent IERC retreat and had nothing else to report.

### **Training Committee—Brian Lott, Chair**

Consideration of 3 vendors to be included on the IERC/LEPC Training Resource list;

- Mission Ready
- Rick Emery and Associates
- T.E.A.C.H.

Approval contingent on the submission of curriculum of haz-mat classes and notice of contracts to LEPCs will be for haz-mat related classes.

Motion by Mr. Pridgen second by Mr. Greer, **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Fiscal Committee—Bruce Palin, Chair**

Mr. Palin reported they are looking at addressing the excess funds with the IERC and how to handle this. No other report provided.

Chief Lott made a motion to accept committee reports, second by Mr. Palin. **MOTION CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No Report

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms Snyder and Mr. Ewusi provided draft MOUs for the re-allocation of funds for LEPCs. With this discussion it was determined to develop a special sub-committee meeting to discuss how to develop and review applications and award funds. A meeting was planned for Tuesday June 11, 2013 in Indianapolis to address this.

### **REPORT OF THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVE**

Mr. Ewusi provided a report on the following;

- **LEPC Meetings**
  - Attended 7 LEPC meetings in Allen, Hamilton, Steuben, Whitley, Clinton, Ohio and Tipton Counties.
- **LEPC Funding**
  - Funding release letter sent to Indiana Department of Revenue to release funds to 72 compliant LEPCs
- **CAMEO Training**
  - Provided CAMEO training at the Annual Midwest Emergency Preparedness Conference in Rockford, Illinois to EMAs, LEPCs and fire departments
  - Upcoming training in May with IDEM and White County

- **EPA/SERC Region V Meeting**

- Attended the annual Region V EPA/SERC meeting in Chicago. Main topics included;
  - EPA program direction
  - Update on continuous release and trade secret claims
  - One-stop EPCRA submission and how enforcement will be implemented
  - EPCRA Reporting requirements for;
    - Wind farms
    - Hazardous clouds (computer data storage centers)
    - Fracking
  - OSHA Globally Harmonized System-Classifying and labeling chemicals
  - Public information requests
  - LEPC/RMP exercise program

- **Spill Reports**

- Under EPCRA Section 304 spill reports was provided for;
  - Daviess, Henry, Lake, Posey, Rush and Tipton Counties

## **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER APPROVALS**

Mr. Ewusi reported that the following 15 counties had submitted new or updated rosters for approval:

Carroll	Clinton	Dearborn	Gibson	Henry
Howard	Knox	Monroe	Noble	Ohio
Porter	Pulaski	St. Joseph	Vanderburgh	Wells

Chief Lott made a motion to approve the rosters and was seconded by Mr. Greer.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **LEPC COMMENTS**

Jim Plum with the Jefferson County LEPC reported from the recent NASTTPO Conference that the HMEP grant may become a multiyear grant.

Mr. Plum further questioned on Indiana's HMEP Grant, about why funds are being returned, training equipment that was purchase and making additional funds being made available to other counties. Ms. Husband said that the short performance period and sub-grant process with this grant makes it difficult to manage this grant. IDHS is continually looking on how to best utilize these funds and minimize the amount of funds returned. IDHS would look into this in more detail and respond to his questions shortly.

## **EPA COMMENTS**

No Report

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comment

## **NEXT MEETING**

Monday July 8, 2013, 1:00pm  
Indiana Government Center South  
Conference Room A

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.

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Michael Garvey, Chair